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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN)(HUNTER,
CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED AT 1000 HOURS LOCAL KIGOMA 11 JULY
FROM STEVEN SMITH ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR CARTER. LETTER DELIVERED
BY PRP MESSENGER WHO SAYS HE WILL RETURN 0830 HOURS SATURDAY, 12
JULY,
FOR REPLY.

2. EMBASSY REP KIGOMA MACFARLANE TRANSMITTED LETTER BY CODED
MESSAGE VIA RADIO AND IT RECEIVED HERE AT 1330 HOURS.

3. MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

QTE I, KENNETH STEVEN SMITH, THE REMAINING STUDENT HELD BY THE PRP,
AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO EXPLAIN WHY I HAVE NOT, AS OF YET, BEEN
RELEASED AND WHAT MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO OBTAIN MY RELEASE.

FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE MEMBERS OF THE PRP WANT TO
KNOW IF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH
THEM BY RELEASING THEIR PRISONERS WHO ARE NOW BEING HELD IN
TANZANIA. THE PRP RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT
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OF TANZANIA WOULD RELEASE THESE PRISONERS AFTER I HAD BEEN

RETURNED UNHARMED. ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERS OF THE PRP BELIEVE IN THE HONESTY AND INTEGRITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THEY FEEL THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF DECEPTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA FEELS THAT IT HAS GIVEN THE PRP A "SHOW OF GOOD FAITH" BY RELEASING ONE OF THE PRISONERS, S. KALENGA. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SIGN OF COOPERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA. HOWEVER, KALENGA WAS SENT HERE IN SECRET BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA TO VERIFY WHETHER OR NOT WE, CARRIE JANE HUNTER, EMILIE BERGMANN, AND I WERE STILL ALIVE. HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA OUR STATE OF HEALTH. THIS WAS OVER A WEEK AGO AND SINCE THE PRP HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER NEWS OF KALENGA, THEY ASSUME HE IS AGAIN BEING HELD BY TANZANIA. MEMBERS OF THE PRP, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN YOU A SHOW OF GOOD FAITH BY RELEASING TWO OF REMAINING THREE STUDENTS. THEREFORE:

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MY RELEASE, IT IS NECESSARY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF AT LEAST TWO, THREE, FOUR ETC., OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRISONERS. AS SOON AS THESE PRISONERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE CONGO, I WILL BE RELEASED AND SENT TO TANZANIA. AFTER I HAVE BEEN RETURNED, THE MEMBERS OF THE PRP WILL DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING PRISONERS.

IF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA IS FIRMLY AGAINST RELEASING ANY PRISONERS, THERE IS ONE ALTERNATIVE. THE MEMBERS OF THE PRP WANT YOU TO COMMENCE WITH THE LARGE SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN THAT GENERAL NONDO DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN DAR ES SALAAM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED, CONSULT CARRIE JANE HUNTER AND EMILIE BERGMANN. THIS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN SHOULD START TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER. WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE PRP HEAR THIS PUBLICITY ON THE RADIO, THEY WILL RELEASE ME AND SEND ME BACK TO TANZANIA.

THE PRP WOULD LIKE ME TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE A WELL-ORGANIZED PARTY, CONTROLLING A LARGE TERRITORY. THEY FEEL THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. THEY WANT YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE LARGE WELL-ORGANIZED PARTY AND THAT THEY DESERVE TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ABOVE ORDERS CONCERNING MY RELEASE. I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO COMPLY WITH ONE OR THE OTHER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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I KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MY RELEASE. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT YOU WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER ATTACK. I REMAIN IN GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND I AM STILL ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO.

I LISTEN TO THE BBC AT TWELVE AND SEVENTEEN GMT.

I REMAIN FAITHFULLY YOURS,
KENNETH STEVEN SMITH UNQTE

4. COMMENTS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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